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✓ FREDIS Z. LAUNAGS
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On December 2, 1964, a confidential source advised a Special Agent of the FBI that over the weekend of November 28 - 29, 1964, he was informed Fredis Z. Launags had indicated to Bruno Albats, Secretary General, American Latvian Association, that he, Launags, planned to leave the United States and return to Latvia, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics. Source further indicated Launags had left certain papers with Albats which pertain to his position as representative of the Latvian National Fund, not further described by the source. Launags further indicated he was departing for Texas to visit his daughter prior to departing for Latvia.

Source went on to state he has been acquainted with Launags as a resident of Lancaster, Pennsylvania. Source has recently heard that the wife of Launags had left the family home and has filed for divorce.

According to the source, Launags has been employed by various intelligence agencies of the United States Government and as such is acquainted with other Latvians so employed. Source feels Launags could do immeasurable harm to the security of this country by collaborating with the Soviets in Latvia. Source pointed out that about seven or eight years ago he was aware of Launags having been assigned to Germany and apparently worked at some time for a radio station in Madrid, Spain, which was staffed by Latvian emigres.

According to source, in 1963, while visiting Riga, Latvia, he was detained by the police, whom he suspected to be members of the KGB (Committee for State Security). During the course of interrogation he was asked about a number of individuals, the names of many were not familiar to him. He now vaguely recalls that one of the names was that of Launags.

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RE: FRIEND Z. LAMMERS

Source was told it was known to the police that Lammers had been in Latvia and then had made his way out of the country. Source was not told when this happened and source cannot imagine why he was told this. Source feels Lammers was probably on some intelligence operation at the time.

Source is not aware what Lammers has been doing for the last several years but feels he is well enough acquainted with other Latvians employed in the United States Government to be capable of causing these individuals great harm. Source mentioned one of these people as Gummer Helmsworth.

Some few days ago Source heard Lammers had returned from Russia and had contacted Helmsworth. He requested Helmsworth to permit him to stay at the home of Helmsworth, which request was denied. He told Helmsworth he was in financial trouble, needed medical attention for nervousness and indicated he was leaving for New York for probable return to Latvia. Source does not know the exact date of departure of Lammers for New York.

Source concluded by stating he did not know of any trips to Latvia made by Lammers and knows of no Latvian who is aware of such a trip. He said he was not prepared to guess at the significance of his having been told by the Latvian police of the presence of Lammers in Latvia.

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